

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the first full paragraph under the heading "Processor-readable Media" on page 47, with the following:

An implementation of an exemplary stream splicer may be stored on or transmitted across some form of processor-readable media. Processor-readable media may be any available media that may be accessed by a computer. By way of example, and not limitation, processor-readable media may comprise "computer storage media" and "communications media."

Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 48 with the following:

The term "modulated data signal" means a signal that has one or more of its characteristics set or changed in such a manner as to encode information in the signal. By way of example and not limitation, communication media includes wired media such as a wired network or direct-wired connection, and wireless media such as acoustic, RF, infrared, and other wireless media.—~~Combinations of any of the above are also included within the scope of processor readable media.~~

Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 62 under the heading "Abstract," with the following:

An implementation is described herein, which facilitates a fast channel change by receiving and decoding a unicast acquisition media stream that corresponds to a soon-to-be-requested target multicast media stream. It does this before requesting the target multicast media stream of the new channel. Once the transmission of the unicast stream is caught up with the multicast stream, this implementation splices from the unicast acquisition stream to the target multicast media stream. ~~This abstract itself is not intended to limit the scope of this patent. The scope of the present invention is pointed out in the appending claims.~~